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TMAD Commissions New Aerial Assault Bot

Tangi Times Report

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What's TMAD? It's like SWAT (no pun intended) in the fight against mosquitoes.

Last week, Tangipahoa Mosquito Abatement District (TMAD) officially commissioned its newest weapon in its mosquito-exterminating air force – a DJI Agras T30 autonomous agricultural drone.

On Thursday, August 28, the new bot successfully completed its first missions with treatments of St. Thomas Aquinas and Hammond High Magnet School. The grounds of both schools, including their athletic fields, were treated, just in time for football season.

The new drone is primarily used for larviciding, a form of mosquito treatment directed at mosquito larvae. A female mosquito needs only about a teaspoon of water to lay eggs, and when conditions are optimal, some species of mosquitoes can develop from egg to adult in about a week. It's important to control the larval stage as part of a comprehensive integrated mosquito management strategy.

The product used in the drone is a biological larvicide that will control mosquitoes for approximately one month. The active ingredient is a bacterium that is naturally found in the soil. As the larvae consume it, they are prevented from maturing.

The bacteria treatment does not affect other organisms and does not target adult mosquitoes. It works best in environments that alternately flood and dry as adult females attempt to lay eggs in the small pockets of standing water.

According to TMAD Public Information & Outreach Specialist Andrew Scherer, adding the drone to the TMAD fleet unlocks the ability to treat areas that were previously untreatable. "A drone can reach locations previously unreachable by our team, such as marshes, swamps, and other bodies of water," said Scherer. "Our drone can treat large fields and properties formerly untreatable due to their size."

TMAD already treats standing water across the parish for larvae year-round.

According to the drone manufacturer, DJI, the Agras T30 is their new flagship for digital agriculture treatment. With a 30-liter spraying tank, the T30 takes aerial spraying efficiency to new heights with treatment capability of up to 40 acres per hour.

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Gumbo for the Soul

Stirring up your routine to break monotony

By STEFANIE BROOKE
Tangi Times
Community Journalist

Life in south Louisiana has its rhythms. We wake up, get the kids off to school, head to work, shuffle back home, knock out the dishes, the laundry, the bills, and then flop into bed like a catfish in the bottom of the boat.

It's the cycle of work, chores, and sleep, repeated until the calendar suddenly says, "Christmas again?"

But just because the routine is necessary doesn't mean it has to be dull. Down here, where every pothole has character and even the mosquitoes throw a party, there are plenty of ways to shake up the everyday grind.

Start small. Take a different route home from work, even if it adds five extra minutes. You might stumble across a hidden snowball stand you've never tried or a neighbor's yard so over-the-top decorated it feels like Mardi Gras in September.

Sometimes simply swapping a highway view for a winding back road lined with sugarcane fields is enough to remind you that life isn't just a checklist.

Weeknights don't have to be all about homework and folding towels. Declare a "theme night" with your family — Taco Tuesday, yes, but also "Backwards Dinner Night" where you start with dessert or "Cajun Storytelling Night" where everyone has to invent the wildest tale of the week.

Imagine your eight-year-old spinning a yarn about a nutria that borrowed their backpack. That beats another night of TV reruns.

If your evenings feel too crowded to add anything big, sneak in a micro-adventure. Step outside barefoot in the grass with your kids and see who can spot the first firefly.

Have a front porch dance-off. Try cooking one new local recipe a month — like making your own boudin or finally tackling gumbo without calling your auntie for help every five minutes.

Weekends are prime time for breaking routine. Swap the usual Walmart run for a visit to a local farmers market. Go listen to a live zydeco band, even if you don't know how to dance.

Take a short drive to a small-town festival you've never attended — because let's be honest, in Louisiana, there's a festival for everything from frogs to cracklins. Kids will think you're spontaneous, and you'll feel like you've taken a vacation without the price tag.

Breaking the cycle doesn't require grand gestures. It's about sprinkling in moments of silliness, wonder, and flavor between the must-do tasks. Down here, we already know how to turn any gathering into a good time. And remember – dirty dishes will wait, but fireflies won't.

September is National Honey Month!
Enjoy some local honey, honey!
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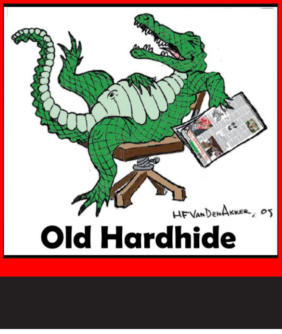

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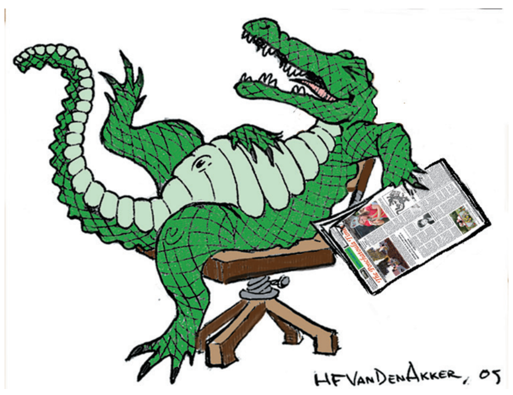

By OLE HARDHIDE
The Alligator

Humina-humina-humina-humina-humina-humina-humina-humina-humina-humina-humina-humina-humina-humina-humina

Or whatever Ralph Cramden of The Honeymooners said when he was cold. Even if he didn't say it when he was cold on TV, I bet he said when he was off TV. When he was COLD, just like your favorite gator narrator is COLD right now in this arctic blast we have down here in my otherwise nice, warm, toasty, steamy, swamp.

Who ever heard of a cold swamp? Not this gator, I can assure you.

Now for those of you who think it's not cold, I will refer you to our feature columnist Kasia. I saw her at the Tangi Times office on Monday during our office Labor Day party. Of course, we were grilling up some delicious vittles, and while Gatorus Supremus was drooling over the lovely aromas wafting through the air, I was admittedly distracted by the frigid air.

That's when I looked over toward the grill and saw Kasia shivering, wrapped up in some hobo blanket, warming her hands near the backside of the grill. I approached and said, "How do?" She looked at me and screamed (obviously, even people who know the main gator are starstruck at first sight), then she said, "Oh, it's just you."

If I didn't know any better, I would think she was disappointed to see me. But let's get serious! Haha! I needed that laugh to warm up my knocking bones. Anyhoo, I digress…

So I asked her why she was huddled up so close to the grill, and do you know what she said? "I'M COLD!"

Ha! I knew it wasn't just me! Gatorus Maximus is not crazy! And it is cold! Once we get down to double digit temperatures, the joke's over. We're talking hypothermia territory soon.

Someone needs to give Mother Nature a call on behalf of the chilly Hardhide. Ain't nobody got time for this!

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are good medicine!

August is over. September is here. Time to pick out a Halloween costume, put the turkey in the oven, and finish your Christmas shopping. Happy New Year, everyone.

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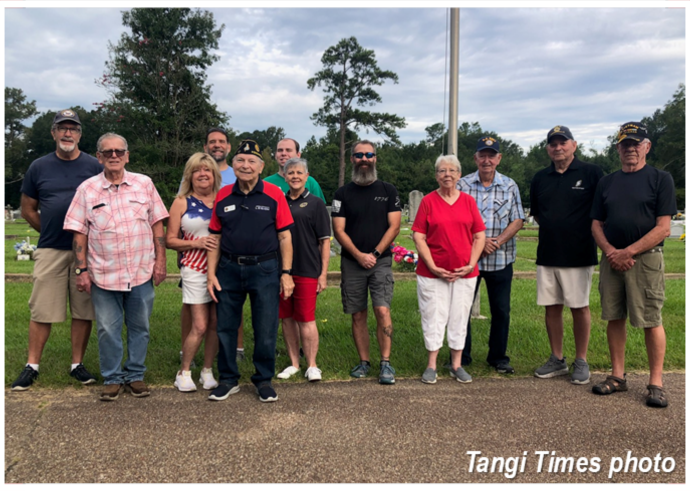
American Legion Post 47 Raises Flags on Labor Day

American Legion Post 47 raised Old Glory at the Ponchatoula City Cemetery at 8:00am and retired them at 4:00pm on Labor Day, Monday, September 1st.



Attending/assisting were, left to right:
Front row: Bobby Raiford, Mrs. Dale Catalinotto, Commander Jack Catalinotto, Patti Hilbun, Brian Rivero, Linda Disher, Ray Disher, Ronnie Cremmins, Pete Jones
Back row: Lance Fachman, Tony Guagliardo III, Cooper Guagliardo
Not pictured: Danny Elstrott

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WHAT'S HAPPENING!!

Friday September 5
7-10pm
Live After Five
Peyton Falgoust Band
125 W. Hickory St., Ponchatoula

Saturday September 6
8am
Hammond Firefighters Local 2363 9-11 Memorial 5k
Cate Square Park
200 W. Charles St., Hammond

Saturday 9/6 – Sunday 9/7
9:00am – 3:00pm
Tangi Gun Show
Florida Parishes Arena
1301 NW Central Ave, Amite

Saturday, September 6
12:00-4:00pm
Amite Art Club Art Show
Amite Community Center
101 W Chestnut St, Amite
www.amiteartclub.com

Sunday, September 7
Various times
Hammond Ballet Nutcracker Auditions
Columbia Theatre
Info: email hammondballet@gmail.com

Thursday September 11
6:30 pm
Wine Bingo
Crescent Lounge
120 W. Pine St., Ponchatoula

Saturday September 13
9:30am
1st Annual Hungarian Heritage Festival Pageant 2026
Victory in Christ Church of Louisiana
26012 LA-42, Holden

Saturday, September 20
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The Tangi Times Dubious News

Hello friends!
Move over, Cinderella. The true royalty of footwear has arrived, and his name is Doogie Sandtiger. While most people own a modest pair or two of Crocs (usually in "hospital white" or "why did I buy this lime green?"), Doogie's taste in high-class fashion has taken things several rubbery steps further.
He owns 3,800 pairs of Crocs, earning the award for the world's largest Crocs collection.
His closet isn't a closet anymore; it's a reptile exhibit at the zoo.
Doogie Sandtiger explained that his love for Crocs began at age sixteen, after growing up in foster care without ever learning how to tie traditional shoelaces.
He added, "Part of the foster care system that people don't realize is, there's a lot of things that kids don't get taught or miss along the way."
Luckily, slip-ons don't judge.
People say you can hear the squeak of his Crocs three blocks before you see him–like an amphibious warning siren.
Until next time!

Hammond Ballet to Hold Nutcracker Auditions

Courtesy photo

On September 7 at the Columbia Theatre, Hammond Ballet will hold open auditions for its 29th production of The Nutcracker for dancers ages 4 and up may audition. There is also a limited number of character and acting roles for boys. Audition times for ages 4-7 are 11:00am-noon, ages 8-11 are noon-1:45pm, and ages 12 and up are 2:00-3:45pm. Boys interested in auditioning for character roles will be from 1:00-1:45.

Please wear comfortable clothes they can move in.

Audition fees are $25 through the online registration at HammondBallet.com. Online registration will end at 7:00pm on Saturday, September 6.

Walkup audition registration on Sunday will be $35 cash only.

For more information, about the company, the Nutcracker production and audition information, go to HammondBallet.com or email HammondBallet@gmail.com.

Op-Ed

Submitted to
The Tangi Times

The Woke Left Wants Lock, Stock and Cracker Barrel

It happened again. Another legendary American institution has been targeted by woke leftists. This time it is the popular family restaurant chain, Cracker Barrel, founded in 1969.

This is the restaurant people love visiting for its old-fashioned flavor, wholesome Americana in the gift store and great comfort food. It is a welcome respite for travelers who need a break after hours on the highway.

Unfortunately, this successful restaurant chain has been targeted by leftists unhappy with anything that reflects Southern hospitality. The woke CEO of Cracker Barrel, Julie Masino, has announced a new logo. Gone is the image of the elderly gentleman, along with the barrel, and the phrase "Old Country Store." The replacement is the antiseptic wording "Cracker Barrel" with no images.

Sadly, it is not just the logo that Masino and the Board of Directors are changing. The interior of the restaurants will be revamped. The dark wood and relaxing atmosphere will be gone. It will be replaced with lighter paneling and a more modern décor.

Henceforth, Cracker Barrel will appear like countless other forgettable restaurant chains. The originality, the uniqueness and the Southern charm will be gone, replaced by the look of a hospital cafeteria.

Obviously, fans of the restaurant chain have expressed their anger at these ill-advised changes. After abandoning their roots, Cracker Barrel suffered a financial setback with a loss of $200 million in market value.

Why did the CEO find it imperative to change the logo? It was for the same reason the marketing geniuses at Bud Light hired Dylan Mulvaney, a transgender celebrity, to pitch beer to a conservative customer base.

These so-called experts want to freshen up the image, make it more "hip" and "modern," while appealing to a more diverse base of consumers. The problem

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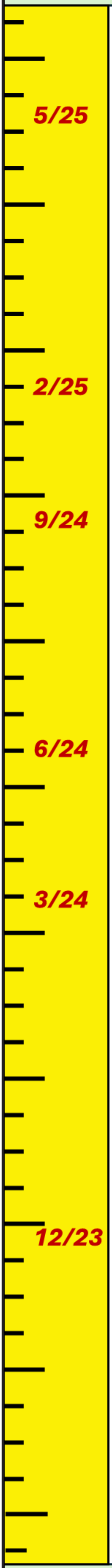

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Watch the growth of this Tangi Times retailer list!

TANGI GUMBO

The Tangipahoa Parish Library, in partnership with the Tangi Chess Club, will host the Tangi Chess Tournament on Saturday, Sept. 20, 2025, at Main Street Dance in Hammond, with registration beginning at 9 a.m. and matches starting at 10 a.m. The competition will feature free youth divisions for ages 8U, 10U, and 13U, along with a $25 adult tournament, with fees contributing to the winners' pool. Trophies and additional prizes will be awarded, and organizers encourage the community to come out and support local players while celebrating Tangipahoa Parish's young chess talent. Registration is available online at https://forms.office.com/r/0qkDxwppAf.

Keep Hammond Beautiful has announced its upcoming fall cleanup events for 2025, inviting volunteers to help beautify the community. The cleanups are scheduled for Saturday, September 27, from 8–10 a.m. at the "Welcome to Hammond" sign and railroad tracks at 401 SW Railroad Ave. and E. Coleman St.; Saturday, October 25, from 8–10 a.m. at Clarke Park, 801 S. Holly St.; and Saturday, November 22, from 8–10 a.m., with the location to be determined. For updates and more information, follow Keep Hammond Beautiful on Facebook at www.facebook.com/KeepHammondBeautiful.

Northshore Technical Community College has once again been honored by the Louisiana Nurses Foundation, earning the Outstanding Employer of the Year (Other than Hospital) award at the Nightingale Awards for the second year in a row. The recognition celebrates NTCC's commitment to professional nursing, leadership innovation, and community engagement. The college also celebrated two standout nominees — Britanie Breland, nominated for RN of the Year, and Deborah Jenkins, nominated for Clinical Educator of the Year — whose dedication continues to inspire excellence in nursing.

Soil cement operations in Kentwood were delayed by rain on Friday; therefore, crews have postponed work on Baytown Hills Road until after the Labor Day holiday.

Tangipahoa Parish President Robby Miller said Phase 2025 overlay crews will be off Monday, Sept. 1, in observance of Labor Day. When operations resume on Tuesday, Sept. 2, crews will be working in the following areas:

Shoulder Dressing: Gemstone, Frank, Jaelyn, West Black Cat, Mandella, Perry, West Martin Luther King, South Lewiston, Chappapeela, Briarwood, Lark, and Duncan Avenue;

Patching Operations: Brown Road (Village of Tangipahoa), Baytown Hills Road, Company Town, and Johnson Holton Road; and

Soil Cement: Baytown Hills Road.

All work is weather-permitting, and motorists can expect intermittent delays in construction zones.

For updates on road work in Tangipahoa Parish, consult the Tangipahoa.org website and the TPG social media channels.

The Tangi Times Talk of the Town!

Forget words of affirmation — what's your real love language?

Becky Slaughter
Hammond

E. Harmless, oftentimes funny, but intentionally thoughtful mischief.

Clara Vaughn
Ponchatoula

Rewatching the same show for the 7th time without complaining.

Jeannie Watts
Robert

My Husband telling me that he'd take me shopping without me asking him!

Lindon Magee
Loranger

Meme sharing!

Marcus Whitfield
Amite

Not judging my Amazon packages that mysteriously arrive daily.

Naomi Bennett
Hammond

Pretending not to notice when I eat ice cream straight from the carton.

Silas Brooks
Springfield

Laughing at my terrible puns like it's the first time you've heard them.

Tonya Aiken
Ponchatoula

Having a slightly off-center sense of humor!! I'll be your best friend... and that explains a lot!

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Barry Paul Sterken; 66; Ponchatoula; August 21; survived by his loving wife of 30 years, Gay Robertson Sterken; daughter, Amanda Sterken; sons, Benjamin Ernst, Haze Sterken, Knox Sterken; and brothers, Tillman Sterken Jr. (Angie), and David Sterken (Michelle).

James Darrin Varnado; 56; Tickfaw; August 21; survived by his beloved family: his wife, Crystal Varnado; children, Chelsie Regan (Brett), Damon (Madison); Abigail (Jarred), and Blake Varnado (his four-wheeler); four grandchildren; mother, Betty Napp; and brothers, John Varnado (Lavelle), Charles "Chuck" Varnado, Jr (Leigh), and Micheal Tucker.

Betty Anthony McCrory, 82; Ponchatoula; August 21; survived by her husband, Brian; son, Huey and wife, Tracie; 13 grandchildren; daughter in law, Vickie; bonus daughter, Kisha; 20 great grandkids; as well as many friends, extended family and loved ones.

Frank N. Harper, Sr.; 78; Holden; August 21; survived by his son, Frank N. Harper, Jr. and wife, Brittany; daughter, Vanessa Mitchell and husband, Christopher; brothers, Wesley "Dub" Harper, Robert "Bobby" Harper, and Paul "PT" Harper; sister, Mary Harper; grandchildren, Jaxon, Jakob, Giselle, C'Mya, CJ, and Jaylen; and great-granddaughter, Kay'lhani.

Thomas Joseph Kuhn; 84; Hammond; August 21; survived by his son Thomas (Deborah) and their daughter Nora; his daughter Timmi and her sons, Jeremy Short and Jason Gammett; his brothers Marion (Brenda), Albert (Kathy), and James E. "Jimmy" Kuhn (Cheryl); and numerous loving nieces and nephews.

Kaston Drake Simmons; 11 days; Kentwood; August 21; survived by his parents, Joshua Darin Warren and Mackenzie Rachelle Simmons; 2 sisters, Braylie Warren and Kaylynn Warren; brother, Danyel Warren; grandparents, Tonya and Kent Simmons and Darin Warren; aunts, Paislie Crowe and Kentlie Simmons.

John Wayne Evans; 87; Ponchatoula; August 23; survived by his wife, Doris; son, Samuel Craig Evans and his wife, Stacey; grandchildren, Sarah Rudolph and her husband, Adam, Sawyer Evans and his wife, Alex; four great-grandchildren, June, Jean, Jade, and Luke; and his brother, David Evans.

Carlo Anthony Triolo; 84; Hammond; August 23; survived by his wife of 66 years, Constance "Connie" Costanza Triolo; children, Karen Triolo Baham (Mark), Kathy Triolo Dedon (Randall), and Kim Triolo Feil (Kenneth); four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and numerous friends and family members.

Arthur Joseph "Art" Guillotte; 94; Hammond; August 24; survived by his sons, Danny (Janet) and Claude (Judi); two daughters, Arlene Ranes (Jim) and Cheryl Altman (John); sister, Mary "Rose" Guillotte Pinell; seven grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Gordon "Brian" Nettles; 57; Hammond; August 24; survived by his brother Mark (Emilie); nephew Lawson; nieces McKay, Gabrielle & Emma; and former wife & best friend, Sara. A memorial service will be held at The First Pentecostal Church in Roseland, 11327 LA-1048, Roseland, on Sunday, September 21, 2025 at 1:30PM.

Nettie Louise Phillips Causey; 82; Hammond; August 24; survived by her husband, Jimmy Causey; son, Aubrey "Cat" Watson; son, Marlon Causey; sister, Liz Phillips, grandchildren, Bethany Brooks husband Kody, Sharon Annette Causey, Michelle Kirby, Amber Kirby, and Jacob Stewart; numerous great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Maria Mejía; 65; Tickfaw; August 25; survived by her husband of 50 years, Berna Mejía; children, Raul Alejandro Mejía (Meregilda), Iris Viridiana Mejía, Bernandino Mejía, Victor Manuel Mejía, and Yesenia Mejía; eight grandchildren; brothers, Modesto Botello, Lijio Botello, Celestino Botello, Eusesubio Rojas, and Benito Botello; and numerous relatives and friends.

Kathy King Pittman; 66; Independence; August 25; survived by her husband, Donald Pittman; son, Randy "Chad" King (Heather); daughter, Jodi King; mother, Kathleen Vidrine; granddaughters, Chelsea Clasen, Cloee Vidrine; nieces, Destiny Maurer (Brandyn), Brileigh Maurer, Braelyn Maurer, and nephew, Bransyn Maurer.

Frances Painting Wheat; 87; Amite/ Livingston; August 25; survived by her daughters, Relma, Diane, and Theresa (Kenny); sons, Jesse and Prentis (Laura); sister, Dot Griffin; thirteen grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Curtis William Miley; 65; Watson; August 26; survived by his wife of 39 years, Cecile Miley; their children Laney Miley and Landon Miley; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Burns Miley and Barbara Miley.

Angela R. Habarta; 55; Loranger; August 26; survived by her daughters, Amber Habarta, Melanie Becnel Olsen (Daniel); sister, Shannon Bergeron; brother, John Chris Habarta; grandchildren, Amiya Lee, Amani Lee, Anastasia Lee, Colton Olsen, Genevieve Olsen; and best friend, Emily DeVille.

Paul Eugene "Gene" Holbert; 85; Tickfaw; August 26; survived by his wife of almost 40 years, Diana Forest Holbert; stepdaughter, Karen Kinchen Oakes and husband John; stepson, Johnny Kinchen and wife Dana; brother, Robert Holbert of Texas; sister, Raymel Sisco of California; and numerous step grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Mary Ellen Thompson Casanova; 94; Amite; August 26; survived by her daughters, Linda Ann Ballard (Gene) and Veronica Arlene Boutian (Daniel); son, Kerry James Casanova; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; and sisters-in-law, Annie Thompson and Verma Casanova.

Garland Gary Ratcliff; 74; Springfield; August 27; survived by two daughters, Leslie Ratcliff Gardner, and Christie Ratcliff Varnado (Kirby); grandson, John M. Gardner, Jr.; granddaughter, Emily Stricker; great-grandson, Beckham Leyrer; sister, Mildred R. Cowsar; and his brother, Darryl Ratcliff; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Timothy Murphy Clifford Taylor; 50; Amite; August 28; survived by his 4 siblings, Sheila Genusa, Sonja Bradley and husband, Bill, Mark Taylor and wife, Katy, and Dr. Lisa J. Taylor Waizenegger; 11 nieces and nephews; numerous great-nieces and nephews; and stepmother, Betty Travis Taylor.

Maurice Lee Wall, Jr.; 78; Greensburg, August 29; survived by his wife, Marie Miller Wall; sons, Maurice III, Derek (Koree), and Will (Christy); four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; brother, Ronald (Judi); sisters, Christia Dees (Reed), Kathy Stafford (Mark), Marcia Kent (John), and Tricia McCain (Pat); and step-mother, Bonnie Bethel.

Velma B. "Pug" Anthony; 88; Kentwood; August 31; survived by daughters, Sandra Ainsworth and Wanda Bridges (Barry); sons, Albert and Wendell (Linda); twelve grandchildren; step-grandson, Kevin Bridges; numerous great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-granddaughter; numerous nieces and nephews; and her special friend, Ola Mae.

Delos McKinley Blackwell; 76; Holden; August 31; survived by his children, Ricky (Julie) and Jennifer Rogers (David); five grandchildren, Landon and Logan Blackwell, Gracie and Abi Lout, and Zach Rogers; his siblings, Dr. David L. Blackwell (Joan), Dr. Dewey Blackwell, Mrs. Elda Verran Thibeau (Brannon) and Ms. Velda Goynes.

Thomas Leonard Eisenman; 38; Hammond; August 31; survived by his mother, Rebecca S. Smythe-Eisenman; sister, Abra "Abby" Sara Eisenman; brother, Nathaniel Barry Eisenman (Danielle); grandmother, Celeste June Smythe; nephew, Nathan Eisenman; and nieces, Isobelle Eisenman, Sara Soucek, and Samantha Soucek.

CRACKER BARREL

FROM PAGE 3

with this strategy is that it ignores the loyal clientele who have created the successful brand in the first place.

As longtime Cracker Barrel employee Erik Russell explained to conservative commentator Benny Johnson, the initial changes were significant, but not as noticeable. It started with changing the menus and the uniforms and replacing real antiques with "generic reproductions." Corporate leaders also decided to allow the sale of alcohol inside the restaurants, which changed the "family atmosphere" of Cracker Barrel.

Competitors of Cracker Barrel are taking advantage of this turmoil by emphasizing a contrasting vision. Steak 'n Shake posted on their social media that Cracker Barrel's new "goal is to just delete the personality altogether. Hence, the elimination of the 'old-timer' from the signage."

It also claimed that the "CEO wants to just scrape" the "heritage" "all away." Steak 'n Shake stressed that their restaurants take "pride in our history, our families, and American values. All are welcome. We will never market ourselves away from our past in a cheap effort to gain the approval of trend seekers."

Yes, the truth hurts, but the author of this disaster is not just the CEO but also its board members. As conservative commentator Robby Starbuck noted, Gilbert Davila, a promoter of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI), is a member of the board.

Davila "owned a DEI consulting and strategy firm for 15 years that focuses on pushing DEI and DEI advertising," said Starbuck. Davila is also a member of the Association of National Advertisers. He is a director and co-founder of the group's Alliance for Inclusive and Multicultural Marketing.

In addition, Starbuck revealed that Davila was "one of the people responsible for DEI at Disney," serving as their "vice president of global diversity and multicultural market development from 2003 to 2010."

All this news is very disturbing to the loyal customers of Cracker Barrel who made the restaurant chain so successful. Sadly, the corporate leadership is antagonistic toward such "little people." For example, the rebranding was unveiled in New York City, even though there are no Cracker Barrel restaurants in the Big Apple.

This sideshow prompted Sean Davis of The Federalist to tweet, "It tells you EVERYTHING about who that company's executives want to impress." In his column at The Federalist, Davis wrote, "Cracker Barrel is done. Woke executives killed it, wrapped the corpse in a rainbow flag, and then made it do a little puppet show in New York City for the entertainment of…woke little friends. Cracker Barrel's new logo — and its miserable attempt to reinvent itself — is obviously a complete disaster, whether in terms of customer backlash or the company's stock price."

Despite the backlash, Masino claims the response to the radical changes and $700 million rebranding campaign has been "overwhelmingly positive." While the transformation may be anathema to the average customer, it will surely be well received by the largest investors.

According to the latest financial reports, two of the three largest shareholders of Cracker Barrel stock are Blackrock, Inc. and the Vanguard Group, Inc., the champions of woke capitalism, who obviously control this iconic restaurant chain lock, stock and barrel.

Cracker Barrel has since implemented several measures of damage control. The full consequences of the debacle remain to be seen.

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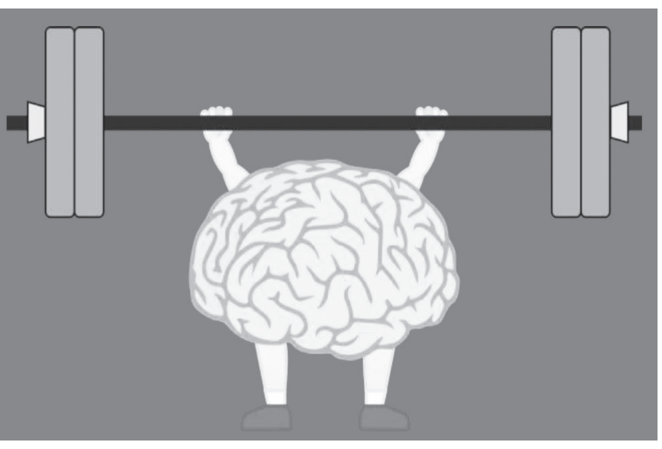

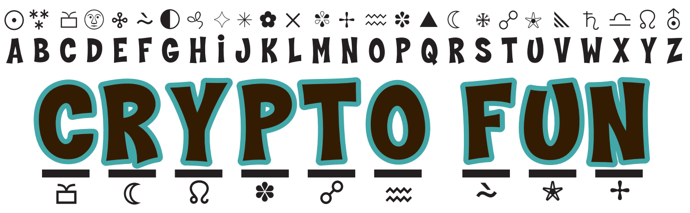
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CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to hiking.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 15 = O)

A. 1 15 15 14 22
Clue: Footwear

B. 14 3 20 10 5
Clue: Path

C. 11 3 6 11 20 3 6
Clue: Get ready

D. 15 25 14 8 15 15 3 22
Clue: Nature

Answers: A. boots B. trail C. prepare D. outdoors

The Tangi Times BRAIN TEASER

DOWN-RIGHT SCRAMBLED

Unscramble the six words and enter them in the grid so each word reads both down and across. Some scrambles can yield multiple possibilities, but only one will be correct. One clue has been added.

CRESTO						
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CRONEE						
SIKESS						
DORSET						
SCOUTC						

If you think that you have solved the puzzle, tell us about it in an email to ***publisher@tangitimes.com*** *before the solution is published in next week's paper.*

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to hiking.

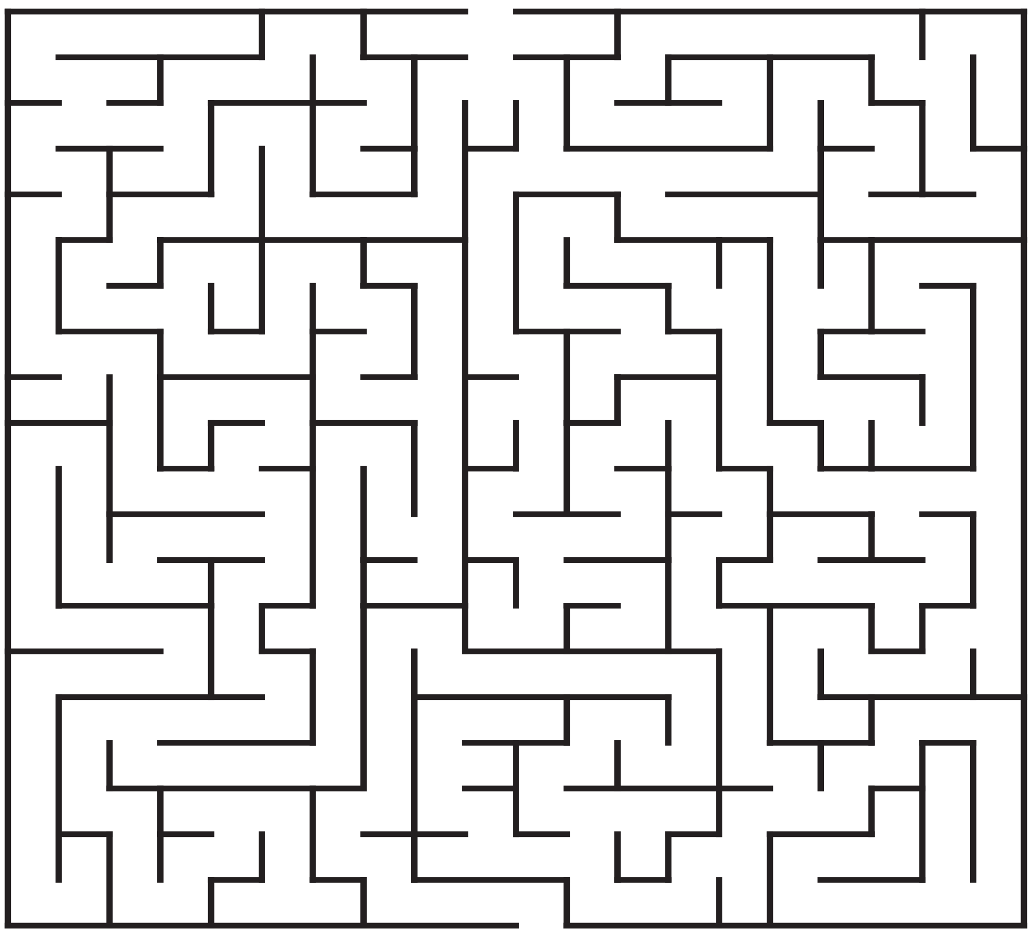
P C K A

Answer: Pack

FUN FACT

There is a name for the fear of being without your mobile phone. It's called NOMOPHOBIA.

Kids' Corner



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ACROSS
1. Good companions
4. One who mimics
7. Digital message
8. Cat sound

DOWN
1. Cat
2. Opposite of "yes"
3. Vibration of cat
5. Picture
6. Give permission

GUESS WHO?

I am an actress born in New York on September 6, 1964. I attended Los Angeles City College, and debuted as an actress in a 1989 film directed by Spike Lee. I also worked as a choreographer for Janet Jackson. I'm known for my prominent New York City accent.

Answer: Rosie Perez

CROSSWORD

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Fairly large
6. Barrels per day (abbr.)
9. Cover the entirety of
13. Leafy appetizer
14. Showy ornament
15. Norse personification of old age
16. Athletes
17. Closes tightly
18. Attack via hurling items
19. Where the reserves stand
21. Sword
22. Begat
23. Damage another's reputation
24. Northeast
25. Turf
28. For each
29. Hours (Spanish)
31. Western state
33. One who offers help
36. Flanks
38. A woolen cap of Scottish origin
39. Free from drink or drugs
41. Tunnels
44. Mature
45. More dried-up
46. News organization
48. Steal something
49. Forms one's public persona (abbr.)
51. Female fish eggs
52. Small petrel of southern seas
54. Edible starches
56. Historical
60. In a place to sleep
61. Horse grooms
62. Off-Broadway theater award
63. Chinese dynasty
64. Resembling a wing
65. Small projection on a bird's wing
66. Of the Isle of Man
67. Derived unit of force (abbr.)
68. Plate for Eucharist

CLUES DOWN

1. Vipers
2. Ancient city in Syria
3. Slog
4. Emits coherent radiation
5. "Pollock" actor Harris
6. Bleated
7. Monetary units of Afghanistan
8. Tooth doctor
9. One who takes apart
10. Commoner
11. Beat poet Ginsberg
12. Cave deposit material
14. Home energy backup
17. Begets
20. Face part
21. Frocks
23. Hill or rocky peak
25. Giving the impression of dishonesty
26. About ear
27. Male parents
29. Popular grilled food
30. Vaccine developer
32. Not conforming
34. Polite address for women
35. 1970 U.S. environmental law
37. Astronomical period of 18 years
40. One who fights the government
42. Center for Excellence in Education
43. Watches discreetly
47. An electrically charged atom
49. Hymn
50. Arabic given name
52. Popular pie nut
53. City in Zambia
55. Species of cherry
56. John __, British writer
57. Be next to
58. Make angry
59. Give birth to a lamb or kid

SUDOKU

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WORD SEARCH

ON THE TRAIL WORD SEARCH

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

ALTITUDE SICKNESS
BACKPACKING
BASE CAMP
BLAZE
CAIRN
DAYPACK
ELEVATION
FILTER
GAITERS
HEADLAMP
HIKE
LEAVE NO TRACE
LOOP
POLES
REGISTER
REST
SCRAMBLING
SECTION
SWITCHBACK
TENT
TRAILHEAD
TRAIL MIX
TREKKING
WILDLIFE

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

SEEKING APPLICANTS FOR PARISH ENGINEER

The Tangipahoa Parish Government is seeking a Civil Engineer to join our Team. The Parish Engineer oversees professional engineering and administrative tasks and works with consultants on the design, hydrology, investigation, and construction of roads, utilities, groundwater and wastewater treatment systems, and other public works projects. This includes ensuring proper oversight of project activities, preparing plans and specifications, and managing the overall execution of assigned projects to ensure they are completed on time, within budget, and to the required standards.

REQUIRED EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

- Bachelor's degree in civil engineering or a related field.
- Certification / License: Must possess and maintain an Engineering License from the state of Louisiana.
- Five years of increasingly responsible professional civil engineering experience OR any equivalent combination of education, training, and experience that provides the requisite knowledge, skills, and abilities for this job.
- Must have a valid Driver's License and MVR.
- Must be able to travel to satellite office locations as needed.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- Pre-employment drug testing is required, and employees will be subject to unannounced alcohol and drug testing as a condition of continued employment.
- Required pre-employment background check.

Tangipahoa Parish Government is an Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Employer.

All qualified candidates may apply by mail or email.
Submit your resume to:
Email: HR@tangipahoa.org
or
Human Resources
P.O. Box 215
Amite, LA 70422

Work Location: Tangipahoa Parish

Salary Range: DOE/Full-Time with Benefits

Application Deadline: Friday, September 12, 2025, 3:00 PM

Cost of notice: $31.50

SEEKING APPLICANTS FOR GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS (GIS) MANAGER

The Tangipahoa Parish Government is searching for experienced candidates for the position of GIS Manager. To join our growing team, please review the list of responsibilities and qualifications. The Parish GIS Manager will maintain the enterprise Geographical Information Systems (GIS) databases, applications, and interfaces to various systems on personal, mid-level, and mainframe computer platforms.

REQUIRED EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

- Bachelor's degree in geographic information systems, geography, planning, civil engineering, computer science, or a related field.
- 5+ years of proven experience in geographic information systems, including one year of supervisory experience.
- ESRI Certification.
- Must have a valid Driver's License and MVR.
- Great attention to detail, positive attitude, and strong work ethic.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- Pre-employment drug testing is required, and employees will be subject to unannounced alcohol and drug testing as a condition of continued employment.
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or
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PUBLIC NOTICE for PUBLIC HEARING

Town of Amite City, Louisiana

The **Town of Amite City** will hold a public hearing at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, September 12, 2025 at the Amite City Hall, 212 East Oak Street, Amite, LA 70422
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The purpose of the meeting is to obtain views on the housing and community development needs of **Town of Amite City and** to discuss the submission of an application for funding under the State of Louisiana **FY 2026 Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Clearance Program**.
The first Public Hearing will be held approximately 93 calendar days prior to the deadline for submission of the application current funding cycle. The Citizen Participation Plan will be available at the hearing; we invite your input and suggestions.

The following items will be discussed at the hearing:

The amount of funds available for proposed LCDBG Clearance Program; community development and housing activities is $500,000.

The range of activities available that may be undertaken, including an estimated 500,000 dollars of funds proposed to be used for activities that will benefit persons of low and moderate incomes are as follows:
Demolition of Slum and Blighted Properties
Removal of debris after demolition
Reasonable leveling of the properties
Owners will retain ownership of the property
Our efforts are to benefit persons of low and moderate incomes

The plans of the **Town of Amite City** for minimizing displaced persons as a result of activities and, assisted with such funds and the benefits to be provided by the **Town of Amite City** to persons actually displaced as a result of such activities; and

The **Town of Amite City** past performance on LCDBG projects funded by the State of Louisiana.

All citizens, particularly low- and moderate-income residents of slum and blighted areas of the **Town of Amite City,** are encouraged to submit their views and proposals regarding community development and housing needs.

Accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities and/or limited English proficiency provided that a **three days' notice** is received by the **Town of Amite City.**

Those citizens unable to attend this hearing may request a transcript of the meeting in writing to the Town of Amite City, 212 East Oak Street, Amite, LA 70422 and a copy will be mailed within 5 days of the meeting and may also submit their views and proposals until September 19, 2025, in writing to:
Town of Amite City | 212 East Oak St.| Amite, LA 70422
Mayor Walter Daniels, III | Chief Elected Official

Cost of notice:$ 38.33

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a Resolution adopted on July 14, 2025, by the Parish Council of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held in the Parish on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025, and that at said election there will be submitted to all registered voters of the Parish, qualified and entitled to vote at said election under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States of America, the following proposition, to wit:

PROPOSITION
(TAX RENEWAL)

Shall the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana (the "Parish") be authorized to renew the levy of a special tax of four (4) mills on all property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated $3,168,487.33 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year) (the "Tax") for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2027 and ending with the year 2036, for the purpose of maintenance, operation and development of its Parish health units and for the promotion and conservation of public health?

The said special election will be held at each and every polling place situated within the boundaries of the Parish, which polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025, in compliance with the provisions of Section 541 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 18:541).

The polling places at the precincts situated within the boundaries of the Parish, be and the same are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said special election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law pursuant to Section 1286(A) or Section 1286.1, as the case may be, of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended.

A portion of the monies collected from the Tax shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in accordance with the provisions of Subtitle 1 of Title 11 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 11:82).

In accordance with La. R.S. 18:1285(A)(1)(a)(v), the estimated cost of holding the election will be $131,900.00.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapters 5 and 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority as applicable thereto, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in compliance with law, will make due returns thereof to the Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Tangipahoa Parish Gordon A. Burgess Governmental Building, 206 East Mulberry Street, Amite, Louisiana, on MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. and will then and there in open and public session, proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the special election. All registered voters residing in the Parish are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used in connection therewith.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Amite, Louisiana, on this, the 14th day of July, 2025.

/s/ David Vial
David Vial, Chairman
Tangipahoa Parish Council

ATTEST:
/s/ Jill DeSouge
Jill DeSouge, Clerk
Tangipahoa Parish Council

/s/ Robby Miller
Robby Miller, President
Tangipahoa Parish

Publish Sep 3, 10, 17 and 24 Cost of notice:$ 47.50

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a Resolution adopted on July 14, 2025, by the Parish Council of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana (the "*Governing Authority*"), acting as the governing authority of Road Lighting District No. 2 of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana (the "*District*"), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held in the District on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025, and that at said election there will be submitted to all registered voters of the District, qualified and entitled to vote at said election under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States of America, the following proposition, to wit:

PROPOSITION

Shall Road Lighting District No. 2 of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana (the "District") be authorized to renew the levy of a special tax of ten (10) mills on all property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated $81,314.32 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year) (the "Tax"), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2027 and ending with the year 2036, for the purpose of providing and maintaining electric lights on the streets, roads, alleys and public places in the District?

The special election will be held in at the following polling places situated in the District, and which polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025, in compliance with the provisions of Section 541 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 18:541). The Commissioners-in-Charge and the Commissioners authorized to be selected by the Parish Board of Election Supervisors at the special election on Saturday, November 15, 2025, are hereby designated as the Commissioners-in-Charge and the Commissioners to serve at the following described polling places designated for this election, to-wit:

PRECINCT	POLLING PLACE
00/044 (PART OF)	Northshore Technical Community College, 111 Pride Avenue, Hammond
00/141 (PART OF)	Hammond Area Recreation District-Chappapeela Park, 19325 Hipark Blvd., Hammond
00/141A	Hammond Area Recreation District-Chappapeela Park, 19325 Hipark Blvd., Hammond
00/143 (PART OF)	Hammond Area Recreation District-Chappapeela Park, 19325 Hipark Blvd., Hammond
00/143A (PART OF)	Hammond Area Recreation District-Chappapeela Park, 19325 Hipark Blvd., Hammond

The polling places set forth above and situated in the District, be and the same are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the special election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.
A portion of the monies collected from the Tax shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in accordance with the provisions of Subtitle 1 of Title 11 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 11:82).
In accordance with La. R.S. 18:1285(A)(1)(a)(v), the estimated cost of holding the election will be $15,700.00.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapters 5 and 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority as applicable thereto, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in compliance with law, will make due returns thereof to the Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Tangipahoa Parish Gordon A. Burgess Governmental Building, 206 East Mulberry Street, Amite, Louisiana, on MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2025 at 5:30 p.m., and will then and there in open and public session, proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the special election. All registered voters residing in the District are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used in connection therewith.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Amite, Louisiana, on this, the 14th day of July, 2025.
/s/ David Vial
David Vial, Chairman
Tangipahoa Parish Council

ATTEST:
/s/ Jill DeSouge
Jill DeSouge, Clerk
Tangipahoa Parish Council

/s/ Robby Miller
Robby Miller, President
Tangipahoa Parish

Publish Sep 3, 10, 17 and 24 Cost of notice:$ 55.00

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a Resolution adopted on July 14, 2025, by the Parish Council of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana (the "*Governing Authority*"), acting as the governing authority of Road Lighting District No. 4 of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana (the "*District*"), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held in the District on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025, and that at said election there will be submitted to all registered voters of the District, qualified and entitled to vote at said election under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States of America, the following proposition, to wit:

PROPOSITION

Shall the Road Lighting District No. 4 of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana (the "District"), be authorized to renew the levy of a special tax of ten (10) mills on all property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated $63,415.74 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year) (the "Tax"), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2027 and ending with the year 2036, for the purpose of providing and maintaining electric lights on the streets, roads, alleys and public places in the District?

The special election will be held in at the following polling places situated in the District, and which polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025, in compliance with the provisions of Section 541 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 18:541). The Commissioners-in-Charge and the Commissioners authorized to be selected by the Parish Board of Election Supervisors at the special election on Saturday, November 15, 2025, are hereby designated as the Commissioners-in-Charge and the Commissioners to serve at the following described polling places designated for this election, to-wit:

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The polling places set forth above and situated in the District, be and the same are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the special election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

A portion of the monies collected from the Tax shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in accordance with the provisions of Subtitle 1 of Title 11 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 11:82).

In accordance with La. R.S. 18:1285(A)(1)(a)(v), the estimated cost of holding the election will be $12,800.00.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapters 5 and 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority as applicable thereto, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in compliance with law, will make due returns thereof to the Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Tangipahoa Parish Gordon A. Burgess Governmental Building, 206 East Mulberry Street, Amite, Louisiana, on MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2025 at 5:30 p.m., and will then and there in open and public session, proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the special election. All registered voters residing in the District are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used in connection therewith.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Amite, Louisiana, on this, the 14th day of July, 2025.
/s/ David Vial
David Vial, Chairman
Tangipahoa Parish Council

ATTEST:
/s/ Jill DeSouge
Jill DeSouge, Clerk
Tangipahoa Parish Council

/s/ Robby Miller
Robby Miller, President
Tangipahoa Parish

Publish Sep 3, 10, 17 and 24 Cost of notice:$ 52.50

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a Resolution adopted on July 14, 2025, by the Parish Council of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana (the "*Governing Authority*"), acting as the governing authority of Road Lighting District No. 7 of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana (the "*District*"), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held in the District on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025, and that at said election there will be submitted to all registered voters of the District, qualified and entitled to vote at said election under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States of America, the following proposition, to wit:

PROPOSITION

Shall Road Lighting District No. 7 of the Parish of Tangipahoa ("Road Lighting District No. 7") be authorized to renew the levy and collection of a special ad valorem tax of ten (10) mills on the dollar of assessed valuation on all property subject to taxation within the boundaries of Road Lighting District No. 7 (the "Tax") (an estimated $59,392.46 is reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the tax collection for the year 2027, and annually thereafter to and including the year 2036, the proceeds of said Tax to provide funds to be used entirely and exclusively to acquire, improve and equip the system of road lighting on the streets, roads, highways, alleys and public places of Road Lighting District No. 7, and to provide funds to pay the operation and maintenance costs and expenses in connection therewith?

The special election will be held in at the following polling places situated in the District, and which polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025, in compliance with the provisions of Section 541 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 18:541). The Commissioners-in-Charge and the Commissioners authorized to be selected by the Parish Board of Election Supervisors at the special election on Saturday, November 15, 2025, are hereby designated as the Commissioners-in-Charge and the Commissioners to serve at the following described polling places designated for this election, to-wit:

PRECINCT	POLLING PLACE
00/070 (PART OF)	Ponchatoula City Annex, 110 West Hickory Street, Ponchatoula
00/070A (PART OF)	Ponchatoula City Annex, 110 West Hickory Street, Ponchatoula
00/072 (PART OF)	Ponchatoula Community Center, 300 N Fifth Street, Ponchatoula
00/072A (PART OF)	Ponchatoula Community Center, 300 N. Fifth Street, Ponchatoula
00/073 (PART OF)	Ponchatoula Junior High School, 315 E. Oak Street, Ponchatoula
00/139 (PART OF)	Tangipahoa Parish Government Building, 15475 Club Deluxe Road, Hammond

The polling places set forth above and situated in the District, be and the same are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the special election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

A portion of the monies collected from the Tax shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in accordance with the provisions of Subtitle 1 of Title 11 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 11:82).

In accordance with La. R.S. 18:1285(A)(1)(a)(v), the estimated cost of holding the election will be $17,500.00.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapters 5 and 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority as applicable thereto, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in compliance with law, will make due returns thereof to the Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Tangipahoa Parish Gordon A. Burgess Governmental Building, 206 East Mulberry Street, Amite, Louisiana, on MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2025 at 5:30 p.m., and will then and there in open and public session, proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the special election. All registered voters residing in the District are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used in connection therewith.

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NOTICE

THE SOUTH TANGIPAHOA PARISH PORT COMMISSION
WILL HOLD A REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2025
9:00AM
PONCHATOULA CITY HALL ANNEX BUILDING
110 WEST HICKORY STREET
PONCHATOULA, LA

Any member of the public who has a condition which meets the definition of a disability under the Americans with disabilities Act and who wishes to participate in this meeting, such person, or a designated caregiver of such person, shall contact the port's administrative office at (985) 386-9309 at least twenty-four hours in advance of the meeting and request that such participation by telephone be arranged.

Publish Aug 20, 27, Sept 3 and Sept 10
Cost of notice:$ 5.00

Minutes of the Board of Commissioners of Gravity Drainage District #5 of Tangipahoa Parish, La. held on Monday July 21, 2025, the regular meeting place, City Hall, 308 Ave G Kentwood, La.

The Board of Commissioners of Gravity Drainage District #5 of Tangipahoa Parish, La. met on the above date in regular session and was called to order by the President, Russ Carter, and the following members present:

Present: Barrett Travis, Ronald Robertson, Michael Kazerooni, Tibbis Cooper, Russ Carter

Absent: None

The roll call showed a quorum to be present. Whereupon a motion was made by Tibbis Cooper duly seconded by Ronald Robertson, unanimously carried that the reading of the minutes of the meetings dated June 16, 2025, be dispensed with and that they be adopted as of record and published in the official journal.

Any public comments at this time were taken.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Motion made by Barrett Travis duly seconded by Michael Kazerooni to keep the officers the same for 2025-2026 year, which are Russ Carter President, and Ronald Robertson Vice-President, was unanimously carried.

The Financial report on the general condition of the district was given. A motion was made by Tibbis Cooper duly seconded by Michael Kazerooni and unanimously carried, that the report of the Secretary Treasurer report be approved, and all bills are approved to be paid.

Mr. Roj from 4-way quick stop was present and asked for the canal along side his store to be cleaned. From third St to First St. Motion made by Michael Kazerooni duly second by Tibbis Cooper unanimously carried to clean the 510 ft of canal at a cost of $5737.50.

President Carter brought up a canal Ave j between 5th and 7th St. across to Ave K needs to be cleaned. It is 975 feet at a cost over $10,000.00. After much discussion on finances a motion was made by Michael Kazerooni duly seconded by Tibbis Cooper to table the discussion until after Hurricane Season is over was unanimously carried.

With no other business appearing before the board a motion was made by Tibbis Cooper duly seconded by Barrett Travis and unanimously carried the meeting adjourned.

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Russ Carter, President

ATTEST:

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Allyce B. Cutrer
Secretary/Treasurer

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Keeping It Real in REAL ESTATE

with Stacey Levin, RAM Properties

Is It Really Happening?

By STACEY LEVIN
Tangi Times Technical Contributor

Owner/Broker of RAM Properties, Stacey Levin

Yes, rates are dropping. As of August 30, 2025, the average 30-year fixed mortgage rate has dropped to 6.53%, marking a 10-month low.

Bankrate also reports the 30-year fixed rates recently declined to 6.54–6.55%

What's driving the drop? Federal Reserve rate cuts are expected in the near term; many analysts anticipate reductions as soon as September, spurred by a cooling jobs market.

That said, it's important to note, mortgage rates don't directly mirror Fed policy – they're driven more significantly by the performance of 10-year treasury yields.

Even though we can see improvement, buyers are still holding back, hoping for even lower rates despite affordability improvements. However, experts point out that homes are sitting in a buyer's market, with more sellers than buyers, which is creating negotiation power for those ready to act now.

What are buyers waiting for?

1. More rate declines - further drops to below 6% could significantly boost buyer confidence.

2. Improved affordability - slower home price growth and increased inventory drop the upfront and monthly costs for buyers. Although conditions feel like a buyer's market on paper, affordability remains a key concern, limiting buyer move-in.

3. More inventory & seller flexibility

With more homes listed and national data showing a 36% buyer shortfall, buyers can negotiate harder than in previous years

4. Personal readiness

Individual financial health still matters. Buyers should:

- Check their credit score, down payment, and debt-to-income ratio—these affect the rate you qualify for.
- Get pre-approved for clarity and to strengthen their offer.
- Understand how the Fed indirect influences rates. Stay informed, but pace decisions on overall affordability and stability, not just anticipated rate movement.

Yes, interest rates are improving, and conditions are shifting in buyers' favor. Yet, hesitation persists as buyers wait for better pricing, stronger confidence in rate drops, and more affordability.

If you're financially prepared, credit in order, pre-approved, and clear on your budget, the current window offers real opportunity. But for those still waiting for perfection, the markers of improved affordability, more inventory, and continued rate decline are what will finally pull them back into the buying game.

If you are ready, RAM would love to work with you. Give us a call.

*Stats and info provided by AI.

It's Okay for Men to Be Sad

By KASIA PERKOWSKA
Tangi Times Feature Columnist

September is National Suicide Awareness Month, and each year, the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) recognizes this month as a time to raise awareness, spread hope, and start open and meaningful discussions about one of the most urgent mental health crises of our time.

Mental health is an issue not many are willing to talk about, especially men, so this reason alone makes it an issue that needs to be talked about. A few years ago, I watched a loved one's mental health decline to the point of mental breakdown and attempts at his own life, leaving me feeling completely helpless, especially not being able to understand the internal turmoil he was going through.

That is a feeling no one should experience when trying their best to convince a loved one to stay alive from one hour to the next. At the time, I was unaware if there were resources available to help people in this situation.

As the state of our world seems to be getting to the point where more and more people are having difficulty coping, just surviving from one day to the next and being able to provide for ourselves and our families is a task, it should come as no surprise that a lot of us are beyond mentally exhausted. A lot of us try to maintain a positive attitude and state of mind while at the same time asking ourselves, how much more can the human psyche take before breaking?

The new school year has barely begun, and already we've heard of mass shooters and children losing their lives. We are bombarded daily by negativity and bad news but not taught or educated on how to mentally cope and how to help our own children, especially the men in our lives who may be suffering in silence, so as to not burden their families.

We need to destigmatize it not looking "manly" when men feel the need to talk about their feelings, even admitting they have them, and their mental health issues. Just like we don't want our wives, mothers, sisters, and daughters to bottle up what's bothering them and allowing those feelings to fester, we shouldn't want our sons, fathers, husbands, and brothers to feel like what they're dealing with is of less importance simply because they're male. We shouldn't expect them to handle it themselves and in silence because that's simply what "strong men do."

It's perfectly normal for men to experience sadness and depression, just as it is for women. Men are also emotional beings and should feel comfortable enough to express those emotions without fear of being judged, especially by their partners, family members, and even their own children.

Thankfully, we are living in a time where more and more awareness is brought to mental health issues, especially men's mental health. There's a stigma of men not being "real" men if they show any sign of vulnerability or emotions, so they often take to self-medicating through drugs, alcohol, or other unhealthy addictions, just to cope with life's challenges from one day to the next.

We keep hearing more about AI and robots replacing human workers, so men have even more valid reasons to be under constant stress, especially when they have a family they're doing their best to provide for. As the loving and matriarchal women in their lives, we should encourage the men we love to open up and not keep anything bottled up.

Discussing family and work-related issues together, as a couple or a family, allows for the entire family to provide support and encouragement. This will allow any man going through mental hardships to feel like a valued family member, and when he feels he is loved by his family, he will likely be more willing to seek professional help when necessary.

Often being the head of the house, or breadwinner, it may be difficult to start the discussion and ask for help. A man may feel like he's not strong enough, and asking for help is viewed as a sign of weakness.

It's actually quite the opposite! To know how judgmental some people are and still ask for help is the most courageous and brave thing a true man can do.

It takes courage to admit that we are just as human as everyone else, and that courage only comes from emotional growth and maturity. It breaks my heart to know just how many men suffered in silence because they were too afraid to seek help and ended up taking their own lives. Things should never get to that point, not in this day and age where more and more research provides better treatments and even cures.

'According to the National Library of Medicine, American men are subject-

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PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

BRAIN TEASER SOLUTION

From August 27, 2025

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SOLUTION

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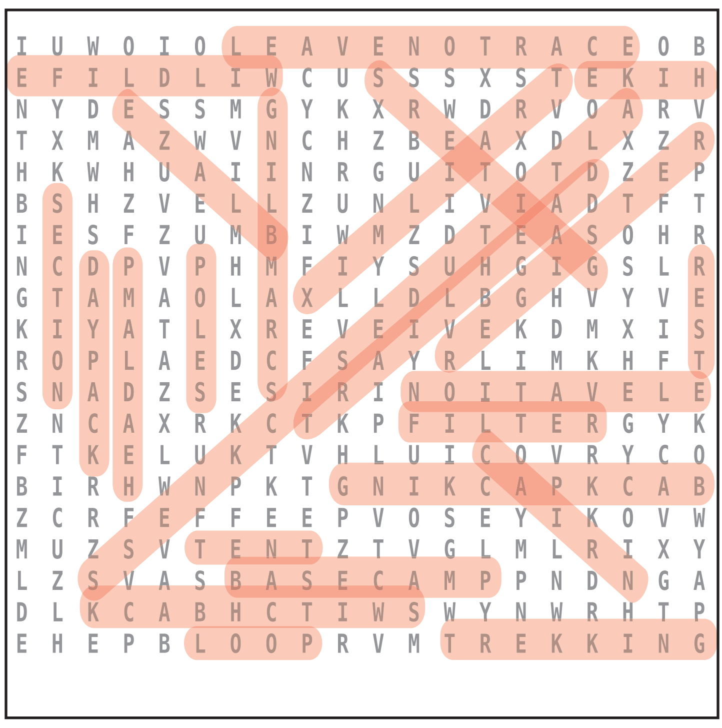

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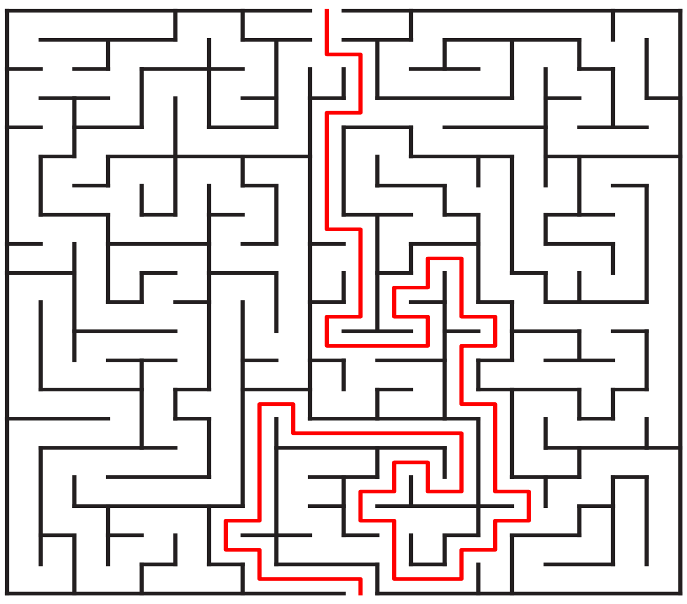

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MEN

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ed to a culture where the standards of masculinity are killing them. One of the contributing factors is not seeking professional help, which is a masculine norm – the social rule and expected behavior associated with men and manhood.

It's time to stop adhering to these norms, and encourage the men and boys in our lives to be open to discussion when having difficulty coping, or feeling hopeless. Help is available!

Many times, family members may not know how to recognize signs of depression or sadness, so they may be completely unaware a loved one is mentally struggling. There are several indicative signs to look for: being unusually tired, sleeping too much, or having trouble sleeping; feelings of hopelessness, emptiness or sadness; no longer getting enjoyment from hobbies and other things that once brought them joy. Taking unnecessary risks, such as reckless driving and other careless acts where they may be endangering themselves or others.

These could be signs a loved one may be struggling and not knowing how to ask for help. For those wanting to help, it's best to bring up the subject in a nonjudgmental and loving way, so there's less risk of them feeling criticized.

This way, they will feel accepted as they are, especially when they feel mentally broken, instead of internalizing feelings to the point of severe mental anguish which can lead to a mental breakdown. Some men may feel their issues are "minor," and therefore they may not want to be a bother or to burden loved ones with something they feel is minor.

Having family meals together where each family member talks a little about their day, whether bad or good, opens the door to normalizing men and boys also being able to openly discuss their feelings.

There may be those who are struggling but too afraid or worried to go to their family members. A close friend, minister, coach, or a men's group that focuses on mental health may be some of the options available.

Some healthy ways to help someone cope are journaling, exercising, joining a club, building something, being outdoors, and even getting a pet or learning a new hobby. We live at a time where no one needs to suffer alone or in silence, especially when so many are dealing with similar issues to ours and can offer a sympathetic ear and encouragement.

Sometimes simply listening to someone vent and letting them get weight off their chest is enough to make them feel better, and this may lighten their mental burden or load. Offering someone kindness and a nonjudgmental ear is priceless!

If you or someone you know is struggling or in crisis, help is available. Please Call or text 988 or chat 988lifeline.org to reach the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline.

Happy 18th Anniversary to Paul and Christine Crocker

Courtesy Photo

Paul and Christine were married on September 1, 2007

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Turnovers Spoil Lions Football Debut

By PABLO CREWES
Tangi Times Sportswriter

The Southeastern Lion football team's season opener featured a first-half slug fest, followed by a third quarter knockout punch in a 24-0 setback in Ruston against Louisiana Tech.

The contest was scoreless for the first 29 minutes and 57 seconds until the home team cracked the scoreboard with a field goal to take a 3-0 lead in the locker room. The Bulldogs scored touchdowns on their first two drives of the second half.

The final nail in the coffin came with five minutes to play in the third on an 80-yard fumble recovery for a touch-down to round out the scoring. Despite the loss, Coach Frank Scelfo's club outgained Tech, 273-262, and col-lected 18 first downs to just 14 for the Dogs.

Two signal callers saw action in the contest. Carson Camp got the start. The junior transfer from Sacramento State hit 15 of 31 passes for 122 yards and an interception.

Kyle Lowe saw action in the second half, going 4 of 9 for 23 yards and a pick. A trio of receivers, Luke Besh, Jaylon Domingeaux, and Cade Collier, tied for the team lead with 3 catches.

Jadeon Henry ran the ball 8 times for 31 yards, and Lowe added 29 yards on 7 carries.

Defensively, K.K. Reno had a team-best 10 stops, and Ian Connerly-Goodly pitched in with 9. Rowan Briggs recorded a sack and a half, Ahmad Bradley added one, and Joshua Randall added a half.

The loss dropped the Southeastern team to 0-1 on the year.

Next week, they travel to the Bluegrass State to take on Murray State in Murray, KY. Kickoff is set for 4:30.

The Racers are also 0-1 on the year after dropping a 45-17 decision at East Tennessee State. The Lions have faced MSU twice, winning both.

In 2022, SLU dominated MSU, 48-14, in Hammond. In their only trip to Murray, Southeastern recorded a 19–11 win in 1979.

The Lions are guided by Scelfo, who is entering his eighth season in Hammond, sporting a 44-37 record. MSU is under the tutelage of second-year skipper Jody Wright, who has a career mark of 1-12.

You can read up more on the Tech game and the matchup with Murray State by visiting the virtual den, lionsports.net.

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Tulane Wins Season Opener against Northwestern

By JOEL RAY
Tangi Times Sportswriter

The Tulane Green Wave opened their football season with a win over the Northwestern Wildcats of the Big 10 Conference 23-3 at the Ocean (Yulman Stadium) in New Orleans.

Tulane led 20-3 at halftime.

The Green Wave had 421 yards of total offense, 152 yards passing, and 269 on the ground, while holding Northwestern to 161 yards passing and just 76 yards rushing.

The stars of the game were the Tulane defense, who forced five Northwestern turnovers, four interceptions and a fumble. One interception came courtesy of Hammond High Magnet School alum Jahiem Johnson.

The Tulane offense did not turn over the ball during the game.

Tulane quarterback Jake Retzlaff was not impressive passing the ball, only completing 18 of his 31 pass at-tempts. However, Retzlaff was impressive on the ground, running for 113 yards on 10 carries.

NEXT UP for the Green Wave is a game against the South Alabama Jaguars on Saturday, September 6 at Hancock Whitney Stadium in Mobile, Alabama. The game starts at 6 pm and will be broadcast on ESPN+ as well as on radio at 106.7 FM The Ticket.

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Campus Corner

By PABLO CREWES
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The Southeastern Lady Lion volleyball team picked up right where it left off last fall, jumping out to a 3-0 record to start the 2025 campaign.

First-year head coach Lee McBride's club made their debut on Friday, hosting the Southeastern Showdown in the University Center. In their first match, they made quick work of Louisiana Monroe, 25-9, 25-18, and 25-16. Kyra McElvey led everyone with 12 kills, Ashley Richardson served up a pair of Aces, India Bennett had a match-high 4 blocks, Peyton Stokley added 22 assists, and Abigail Bailey recorded 16 digs in the win.

Later that evening, it was another sweep of an in-state foe, 25-20, 25-19, and 25-13 over Louisiana Tech. McElvey recorded another 13 kills, Richardson had two Aces and 21 assists, Bennett led in blocks with 3, and Lexi Gonzalez led everyone with 18 kills.

After two relatively easy wins on Friday, SLU had to struggle to claim their 29th straight regular season win, 25-19, 22-25, 17-25, 28-26, and 15-12 over Jackson State. Four times in game four, the Lady Lions faced match point before coming back for the win.

McElvey was tops in kills with 15, Gonzalez's three Aces and 16 digs were team-bests, and Bennett owned the net with 13 blocks.

For her efforts, McElvey was named the Jersey Mike's Southland Conference Offensive Player of the Week.

Up next is a trip to Conway, AR, to take part in the Central Arkansas Tournament. Things get started on Friday against Little Rock at 11am, followed by a matchup with the host UCA on Saturday at noon.

Moving outdoors, Coach Michael Rheams Jr's Men's and Women's Cross Country team began their season on Friday in the Battle for New Orleans. The Lady Lions finished eighth, paced by Ava Pitarro's 15:12.36 time. The Lions finished in seventh, led by Tanner Salsman.

Both squads will have a two-week break before taking part in the LSU Invitational on September 12.

On Sunday, the Lady Lion soccer team was in Mobile in search of their first win of the season, squaring off with South Alabama. Unfortunately, SLU dropped their fourth straight to start the year, 3-1. Up next is a road trip at Little Rock on Thursday.

You can read up on these and all Southeastern teams online at lionsports.net.

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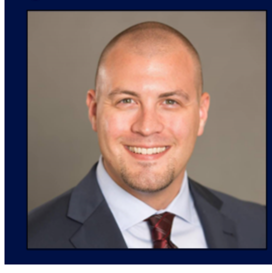

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Ponchatoula Falls to Sumner in Jamboree 12-3

By ETHAN PELTIER
Tangi Times Sports Reporter

Jewel Sumner defeated Ponchatoula 12-3 last Thursday night in Albany, behind a two-touchdown game from running back Jamohn Dyson.

Ponchatoula started off the game with a fumble recovery to put the Wave inside the 10-yard line but Sumner's defense was able to stop them on downs. The Green Wave managed to score first, courtesy of a 29-yard field goal from Alex Lloyd.

Dyson scored two touchdowns for Sumner to score the final 12 points of the game and secure the jamboree win.

JV Green Wave dominated Albany in their game, winning 27-0. Loranger also defeated Albany 21-8 in the night-cap.

The Wave get ready for their home opener this Friday against Walker in what should be an exciting season for Ponchatoula.

Lady Wave volleyball also starts their regular season this week, taking on St. Scholastica at home on Tuesday and Riverside at home on Thursday. Themes for the home games this year include:

September 2 vs St. Scholastica- Black Out

September 4 vs Riverside- Hawaiian

September 9 vs Denham Springs- Jerseys

September 25 vs Belle Chasse- USA

September 29 vs Live Oak- Neon

October 2 vs Central B.R.- Tie-Dye

October 9 vs Fontainebleau- Pink Out

October 21 vs St. Thomas Aquinas- White Out

October 28 vs Hammond- Green and White (Senior Night)

October 30 vs Northshore- Barbie vs Ken

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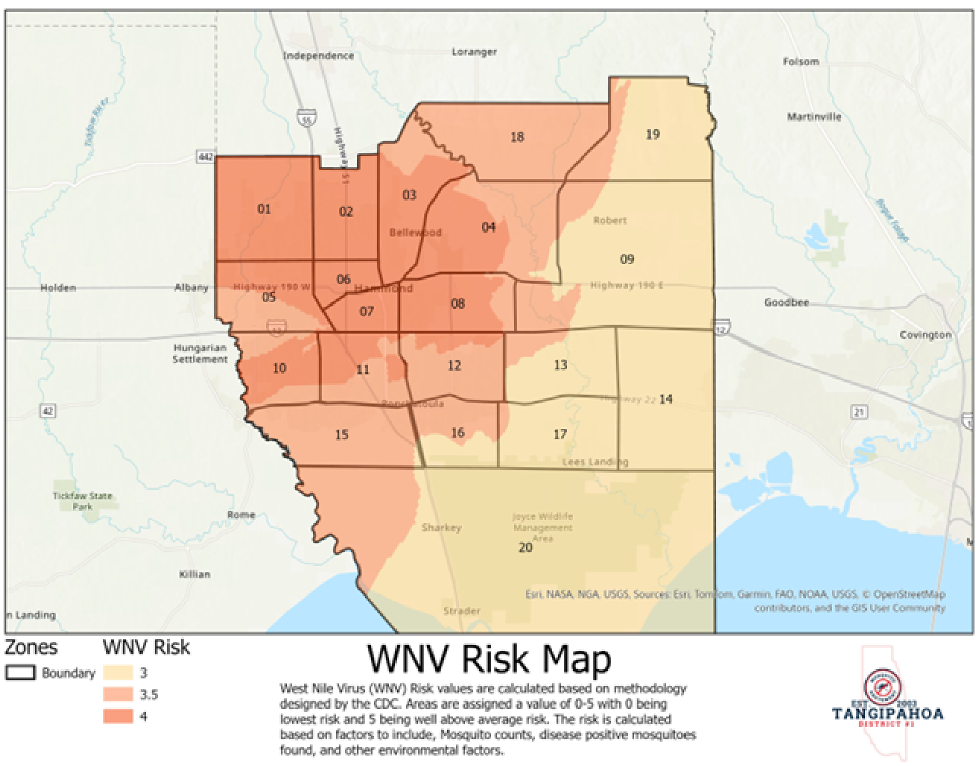
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WNV Risk Map

West Nile Virus (WNV) Risk values are calculated based on methodology designed by the CDC. Areas are assigned a value of 0-5 with 0 being lowest risk and 5 being well above average risk. The risk is calculated based on factors to include, Mosquito counts, disease positive mosquitoes found, and other environmental factors.

The Tangipahoa Mosquito Abatement District is asking all residents to perform basic defense methods to help protect against the presence of disease. Methods include wearing long sleeves, limiting time outdoors at dusk and dawn, emptying standing water, and using repellant with DEET or Picaridin (15% lasts 2-4 hrs, 20-50% for 5-8 hrs.) Of the 1,509 samples tested thus far in 2025, 181 have returned positive for WNV. There have been two reported human cases in our district this year.

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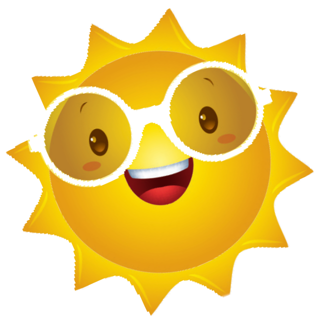

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